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Dear Tribal Leader:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) cordially invites you to participate in a teleconference briefing on Tribal Engagement for preparing the California Water Plan Update 2013 and regional coordination of other DWR related work. The teleconference is scheduled for January 6, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Teleconference number: 866-212-0875
Passcode: 336810#

The teleconference will have two parts: a briefing from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Water Plan Tribal Advisory Committee, followed by a discussion from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. of Tribal engagement in regional forums and topic-based caucuses.

We recognize that continued collaboration with California's tribal communities is integral to building on the work from Update 2009, addressing those issues identified during the 2009 California Tribal Water Summit, and incorporating tribal perspectives in California Water Plan Update 2013. From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., we will follow up on materials presented at the September 9, 2010 Tribal Scoping session and the November 9, 2010 Public Advisory Committee meeting. In addition to the transitional briefing, we will also begin discussions and preparation for the inaugural Tribal Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on February 25, 2011.

The discussion from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. will focus on Tribal involvement in the regional forums and topic-based caucuses being developed by DWR for the Water Plan and related work. The regional forums will allow people who live in different parts of California to network with colleagues in their area and to discuss and comment on Water Plan and related issues from their regional perspective. The topic-based caucuses will similarly allow focused discussions between various subject matter experts. Tribal input is essential to developing a complete regional perspective and ensuring high quality discussions in the topic-based caucuses. Regional Forums and the topic-based caucuses will rely heavily on teleconferencing and webinars. Therefore, the second half of the teleconference will provide an optional opportunity for Webinar participation. The Webinar address is: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/797832266>.

A draft agenda for the January 6, 2011 teleconference and webinar is enclosed. Additional instructions and information on the webinar will be sent to the Tribal Communications Listserve and will be available online at least ten days before the teleconference at <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/tribal2/2013engagement/index.cfm>.

Tribal Leader

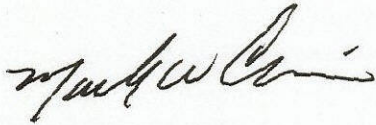
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For additional information on the teleconference, please contact Stephanie Lucero, Tribal Facilitator for California Water Plan Update 2013, at lucero.stephanie@gmail.com or (916) 505-0177.

You may also contact Paul Massera, DWR's Strategic Water Planning Manager, at (916) 651-9614 or pmassera@water.ca.gov. I look forward to your participation in Update 2013.

Respectfully,



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Director

Enclosure

cc: Tribal Administrator
Tribal Environmental Director

Water Plan Update 2013 Tribal Engagement Briefing

1:00 pm 4:30 pm, January 6, 2011

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Time	Agenda Item
1:00 PM	Introductions
1:15 PM	Tribal Engagement: How Tribes can be part of Update 2013. Tribal Advisory Committee Public Advisory Committee Tribal Listserv Regional Forums and Topic-based Caucuses Interaction between different Venues.
1:45 PM	Tribal Advisory Committee Status and Next Steps.
2:15 PM	Next Steps for Update 2013
3:00 PM	Regional Forums and Topic Caucuses—Webinar participation optional * https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/797832266 What are some of the key topics for various Forum and Caucus conversations? Who needs to be part of those conversations?
4:30 PM	Adjourn

*The regional forum/topic caucuses will rely heavily on teleconferencing and webinars. Webinar participation will be available during this portion of the teleconference in order to familiarize tribal participants with the teleconference/webinar set-up.